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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,
v.
STEPHON JAMES WHITNEY,
Defendant.

2:21-cr-00002-JAD-NJK

**ORDER REGARDING PRETRIAL
PROCEDURE**

**I. PRETRIAL MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF DEFENSE, AND CERTIFICATION
OF TIMELINESS:**

A. It shall be the responsibility of any party filing pretrial motions or responses to motions pursuant to the time schedule set forth below, or any extension of time which may be granted by the Court upon the showing of good cause, to provide a Certification Statement that said motion or response is being filed timely. Said Certification shall be so identified and shall be set forth separately as an opening paragraph on any such motion or response.

B. Each party shall have thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this order within which to file and serve any and all pretrial motions and notices of defense. See LCR 12-1.

C. Responses to such motions shall be filed and served within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of service of the motion.

D. A reply brief may be filed and served within seven (7) calendar days from the date of service of the response. The reply brief shall only address arguments made in response to the motion.

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1 **II. DISCOVERY:**

2 A. Disclosure obligations and dispute resolution are governed by Local Rule of
3 Criminal Practice 16-1.

4 B. At the time of arraignment, the parties shall represent whether they deem the
5 case to be complex or non-complex.

6 C. Cases Deemed Non-Complex. Within seven (7) days following arraignment,
7 the parties shall have conferred and caused to be filed with the Court either a Joint
8 Discovery Agreement or a Government Disclosure Statement. Thereafter, disclosure
9 obligations will be governed by the terms set forth therein and such further Orders that may
10 be entered by the Court.

11 D. Cases Deemed Complex. Within seven (7) days following arraignment, the
12 parties shall confer for the purpose of developing a Proposed Complex Case Schedule.
13 Within seven (7) days thereafter, the parties shall cause to be filed with the Court a
14 Proposed Complex Case Schedule addressing the factors set forth in Local Rule of
15 Criminal Practice 16-1(a)(2). Thereafter, the Court will resolve any disputed issues and
16 enter an Order setting the Complex Case Schedule that will govern the disclosure
17 obligations of the parties.

18 **III. EVIDENCE DISPLAY:** Counsel wishing to utilize the court's evidence display
19 equipment must contact the courtroom deputy at least seven (7) days in advance of the trial
20 to determine its availability and to arrange for training.

21 **IV. TRIAL BRIEFS:** At least seven (7) days in advance of the trial, government
22 counsel shall submit a copy of the government's trial brief (marked confidential) to the trial
23 judge. The original of the government's trial brief shall be filed in open court and a copy
24 served upon defense counsel on the date of trial prior to trial commencement. Defense
25 counsel may file a trial brief. Should defense counsel elect to file a trial brief, the same
26 shall be filed and served upon government counsel prior to the defense commencing its
27 side of the case.

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1 **V. VOIR DIRE QUESTIONS:** At least seven (7) days in advance of trial proposed
2 voir dire questions shall be filed and served.

3 **VI. JURY INSTRUCTION:** At least seven (7) days in advance of the trial proposed
4 jury instructions shall be filed and served.

5 **VII. PLEA BARGAINING:** Any and all plea bargaining shall be accomplished and any
6 bargain arrived at shall be reduced to writing and presented to the Court at or prior to the
7 time set for calendar call. Thereafter, the change of plea hearing will be set at the Court's
8 convenience.

9 **VIII. SPEEDY TRIAL REQUIREMENTS:** The United States Attorney and defense
10 counsel are hereby notified that no continuances or extensions will be granted for any
11 reason unless a motion or stipulation is submitted which contains a recital of the
12 appropriate exclusion provision that applies pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act. In addition,
13 the motion or stipulation must be accompanied by a proposed order granting the
14 continuance or extension setting forth findings as to excludable time and declaring
15 excludable time. All requests for continuances or extensions which do not comply with this
16 order will be stricken.

17 The date of the clerk's file mark shall constitute the date of this order.

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21 **UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**
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